

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A complex for use as a therapeutic pharmaceutical, said complex comprising:

a ligand comprising at least one hydroxyalkyl phosphine donor group bound to a non-radioactive gold atom to form a stable gold-ligand complex.

2. (Original) The complex according to claim 1, wherein said gold atom is a gold (I) compound.

3. (Original) The complex according to claim 1 wherein said gold-ligand complex further includes a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

4. (Currently amended) The complex according to claim 1, wherein said gold-ligand complex further includes a therapeutic agent.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of treating prostate, colon, or gastric cancer comprising the steps of:

administering an effective amount of a complex comprising a ligand comprising at least one hydroxyalkyl phosphine group bound to a non-radioactive gold atom to form a stable gold-ligand complex to a subject in need thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~preventing~~ inhibiting the metastasis of prostate, colon, or gastric cancer comprising the steps of: administering an effective amount of a complex comprising a ligand comprising at least one hydroxyalkyl phosphine group bound to a non- radioactive gold atom to form a stable gold-ligand complex to a subject in need thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~arresting~~ reducing cell growth of prostate, colon, or gastric cancer comprising the steps of: administering an effective amount of a complex comprising a ligand comprising at least one hydroxyalkyl phosphine group bound to a non- radioactive gold atom to form a stable gold-ligand complex to a subject in need thereof.